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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT UP IN MARCH: As of mid-March of this year, Statewide total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,874,200, a net monthly surge of 53,800 persons (+1.9 percent). This March North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 2,894,000, which amounted to a net over-the-month gain of 16,000 people (+0.6 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: In the middle of March, 1985, the State's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 812,400 for a net over-the-month drop of 2,200 workers (-0.3 percent). The durable goods segment declined by 400 persons (-0.1 percent) over the month with furniture and fixtures and electrical machinery both losing 600. On the positive side transportation equipment gained 400 workers (+1.9 percent). The nondurable goods segment lost 1,800 people (-0.4 percent) over the month with apparel and related products suffering the largest net decrease (-1,000). Tobacco followed with a seasonal decline of 700. The largest worker increase in nondurables occurred in food and kindred products (+300 or +0.7 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES NOTICEABLY: As of mid-March, 1985, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,786,000, a good net monthly gain of 14,800 people (+0.8 percent). The four industries enjoying the largest net increases were service and miscellaneous, +5,200; construction, +4,500; trade, +3,200; and government, +1,100.

MANUFACTURING DOWN BUT NONMANUFACTURING UP OVER THE YEAR: From March, 1984, to March, 1985, manufacturing employment in the State fell by 18,500 workers (-2.2 percent), mainly due to the loss of 18,700 textile employees. On the other hand, there were some positive signs over the year as seen in the electrical machinery (+1,600), nonelectrical machinery (+1,600), food and kindred products (+1,400), and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+1,200) industries. North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment surged ahead by 88,400 workers (+5.2 percent) over the year as all seven of the industry groups recorded impressive growth. The four groups showing the largest gains were: trade (+31,300), service and miscellaneous (+20,200), construction (+17,500), and government (+10,700).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO DECLINE: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 169,400 in mid-March of this year for a net over-the-month decrease of 32,000 persons (-15.9 percent). As a result, the unadjusted unemployment rate fell from 6.7 percent in February to 5.6 percent in March. Statewide seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 164,000 as of the middle of March, 1985, representing a net monthly drop of 21,000 people (-11.4 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 6.0 percent to 5.4 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.5 percent in March, 1985, and 7.8 percent in February, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the United States was 7.3 percent this March and February.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/
March, 1985

	<u>March, 1985</u>	<u>February, 1985</u>
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,043,600	3,021,800
Employment	2,874,200	2,820,400
Unemployment	169,400	201,400
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,058,000	3,063,000
Employment	2,894,000	2,878,000
Unemployment	164,000	185,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.0
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	7.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	7.3

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASE WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS REMAIN CONSTANT:

From the middle of February to the middle of March, 1985, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees increased by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to \$7.23 for a net yearly gain of 29¢ an hour (+4.2 percent). The durable goods segment recorded a slight net over-the-month rise of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to reach \$7.39 in March of this year. Over the year, however, a more substantial gain of 23¢ an hour (+3.2 percent) was seen. Furniture and fixtures led the way in durable goods with a net over-the-month increase of 7¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to hit \$6.43 this March. Following was lumber and wood which added 4¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to rise to \$6.17 over the month. The nondurable goods segment experienced a net monthly increase of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to arrive at \$7.12 in March, 1985. Since March of 1984, there has been growth of 31¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). Tobacco manufacturing continued to exhibit the largest net monthly climb in nondurables, up by 17¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to \$13.01. Next came rubber and miscellaneous plastic products with a net over-the-month gain of 9¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to hit \$9.01 this March. From mid-February to mid-March of this year, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by \$1.16 (+0.4 percent) to \$280.52 with a very modest yearly increase of \$1.53 (+0.5 percent). Average weekly hours stayed at 38.8 over the month but fell by 1.4 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASES IN MARCH: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers climbed to 318.8 in March of this year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This amounted to an over-the-month gain of 0.4 percent and an over-the-year increase of 3.7 percent. Once again apparel and upkeep registered the largest gain, rising by 1.7 percent from February to March, 1985. Transportation followed,

the cost of which rose by 0.8 percent over the month. A close third was medical care, up by 0.7 percent from February to March of this year. In fact, all of the major groups displayed some type of monthly increase. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of \$1.00, fell to 31.4¢ in March, 1985.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS SLIGHTLY: As of March 31, 1985, there were 171,363 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State which was a small net over-the-month drop of 148 people (-0.1 percent). The largest active applicant segment by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine group which had 107,147 or 62.5 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four sector followed with 29,693 or 17.3 percent. As is invariably the case, the fifty-five and over segment had the lowest number of active applicants with 9,513 or 5.6 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (88,888 or 51.9 percent). Also, whites who were not Hispanics comprised the largest ethnic group with 97,397 or 56.8 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of March 31, 1985.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
March 31, 1985

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	171,363	100.0
<u>Age</u>		
21 and Under	25,010	14.6
22-39	107,147	62.5
40-54	29,693	17.3
55 and Over	9,513	5.6
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	82,475	48.1
Female	88,888	51.9
<u>Ethnic Group</u>		
White, not Hispanic	97,397	56.8
Black, not Hispanic	69,873	40.8
Hispanic	741	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,512	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	840	0.5
<u>Eligible Claimant</u>	70,040	40.9
<u>Veteran</u>	31,103	18.2
<u>Handicapped</u>	11,023	6.4
<u>Welfare</u>	25,207	14.7
<u>Seasonal Farmworker</u>	1,152	0.7

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: During March, 1985, there were 15,947 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina which amounts to a noticeable net monthly increase of 1,016 (+6.8 percent). A high percentage of those job openings was filled (74.1 percent or 11,816). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received this March was service with 2,958. Most of those were filled (2,044 or 69.1 percent). A close second was structural work with 2,853 job openings received and 1,906 or 66.8 percent filled. Following was the miscellaneous category with 2,388 job openings received and 1,850 or 77.5 percent filled. There were 192,206 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1984, through March 31, 1985. Moreover, a good percentage of those job openings was filled (78.4 percent or 150,767). There were 14,429 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of March 31, 1985. Many of those job openings (8,668 or 60.1 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they were open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on North Carolina's job openings for March, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1984, through March 31, 1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>March, 1985</u>		<u>Fiscal Year to Date 1/</u>		<u>Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Mar. 31, 1985</u>	
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Filled</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Filled</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>30 Days or More</u>
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	859	402	8,932	3,464	2,429	1,916
Clerical	2,170	1,338	20,800	13,430	1,931	992
Sales	796	402	6,823	3,748	999	578
Service	2,958	2,044	29,093	21,453	2,526	1,393
Domestic	287	217	2,246	1,855	106	58
Other Services	2,671	1,827	26,847	19,598	2,420	1,335
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	1,195	1,022	41,887	40,801	262	157
Processing	646	423	7,376	6,695	471	253
Machine Trades	1,490	1,041	12,664	9,257	1,297	768
Bench Work	592	1,388	15,987	13,885	1,062	641
Structural Work	2,853	1,906	24,783	18,332	2,253	1,334
Miscellaneous	2,388	1,850	23,861	19,702	1,199	636
Motor Freight and Trans.	528	293	4,605	2,963	372	149
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,787	1,504	18,642	16,344	771	458
Other	73	53	614	395	56	29
Total	15,947	11,816	192,206	150,767	14,429	8,668

1/ July 1, 1984, through March 31, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1985 (Thous.)	February 1985 (Thous.)	March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1985	March 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2598.4	2585.8	2528.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	812.4	814.6	830.9	- 0.3	- 2.2
DURABLE GOODS	331.4	331.8	328.4	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.3	37.2	- 0.3	- 2.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.1	13.4	0	- 2.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	8.9	9.1	0	- 2.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.4	4.7	- 2.3	- 8.5
Furniture & Fixtures	84.3	84.9	85.2	- 0.7	- 1.1
Household Furniture	74.1	74.6	75.7	- 0.7	- 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.4	38.3	- 0.3	- 2.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.5	31.2	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.5	18.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.5	2.3	+ 4.0	+ 13.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.2	5.1	+ 3.8	+ 5.9
Primary Metal Industries	11.0	11.1	10.5	- 0.9	+ 4.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.9	26.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.4	8.3	0	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.4	55.3	53.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.4	63.0	60.8	- 1.0	+ 2.6
Household Appliances	4.8	5.0	5.4	- 4.0	- 11.1
Transportation Equipment	21.3	20.9	20.7	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.2	15.0	15.6	+ 1.3	- 2.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	481.0	482.8	502.6	- 0.4	- 4.3
Food & Kindred Products	44.1	43.8	42.7	+ 0.7	+ 3.3
Meat Products	18.4	18.4	17.3	0	+ 6.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.8
Dairy Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Beverages	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	23.8	22.5	- 2.9	+ 2.7
Cigarettes	19.7	19.7	19.6	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.9	3.6	2.4	- 19.4	+ 20.8
Textile Mill Products	207.2	207.7	225.9	- 0.2	- 8.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	55.4	55.7	62.2	- 0.5	- 10.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	28.3	32.2	- 0.4	- 12.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.4	26.6	28.9	- 0.8	- 8.7
Knitting Mills	74.8	74.4	80.0	+ 0.5	- 6.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.3	22.3	23.7	0	- 5.9
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.6	22.7	+ 0.5	- 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.0	15.0	+ 2.3	- 11.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.9	7.1	- 1.4	- 4.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.3	15.0	- 0.7	- 5.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.0	50.5	55.1	- 1.0	- 9.3

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March, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:		
	March 1985 (Thous.)	February 1985 (Thous.)	March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1985	March 1984	
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.3	89.3	93.0	- 1.1	- 5.1	
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.2	29.7	31.0	- 1.7	- 5.8	
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.8	39.5	41.8	- 1.8	- 7.2	
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.4	22.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	11.0	11.0	- 0.9	- 0.9	
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 1.4	0	
Printing & Publishing	25.0	25.1	24.1	- 0.4	+ 3.7	
Newspapers	9.3	9.3	8.9	0	+ 4.5	
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.8	38.6	0	- 4.7	
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.9	13.9	- 0.8	- 7.9	
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.7	29.6	28.5	+ 3.0	+ 4.2	
Other Nondurable Goods <u>3/</u>	4.3	4.3	5.1	0	- 15.7	
NONMANUFACTURING	1786.0	1771.2	1697.6	+ 0.8	+ 5.2	
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 4.5	
CONSTRUCTION	140.9	136.4	123.4	+ 3.3	+ 14.2	
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.1	128.7	124.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.5	
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.2	69.9	65.6	+ 0.4	+ 7.0	
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.9	53.9	54.1	0	- 0.4	
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	561.6	558.4	530.3	+ 0.6	+ 5.9	
Wholesale Trade	131.4	131.1	127.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.1	79.0	75.7	+ 0.1	+ 4.5	
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.3	52.1	52.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	
Retail Trade	430.2	427.3	402.6	+ 0.7	+ 6.9	
General Merchandise Stores	54.9	54.7	53.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.4	
Food Stores	66.8	66.7	65.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	106.9	106.5	102.8	+ 0.4	+ 4.0	
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS <u>4/</u>	411.0	405.8	390.8	+ 1.3	+ 5.2	
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.1	21.1	+ 2.3	+ 7.1	
Personal Services	26.3	26.2	25.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.9	
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	431.9	430.8	421.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	
Federal	50.5	50.4	49.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	
State	128.5	128.0	124.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6	
Education	67.1	66.8	64.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.0	
Other	61.4	61.2	59.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	
Local	252.9	252.4	247.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.3	
Education	139.6	138.9	135.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.8	
Other	113.3	113.5	111.5	- 0.2	+ 1.6	

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1985 (Thous)	February 1985 (Thous)	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1985	March 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,611.7	2,599.9	2,540.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	816.4	820.6	834.9	- 0.5	- 2.2
DURABLE GOODS	332.7	334.0	329.6	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Lumber & Wood Products	36.8	37.1	37.8	- 0.8	- 2.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.2	13.4	13.5	- 1.5	- 2.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.0	9.1	9.2	- 1.1	- 2.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.7	4.9	- 4.3	- 8.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.4	84.8	85.3	- 0.5	- 1.1
Household Furniture	74.3	74.5	75.9	- 0.3	- 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.7	38.5	- 0.8	- 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.5	31.2	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.1	19.0	18.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.4	- 3.6	+12.5
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.4	5.2	+ 1.9	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.0	11.2	10.5	- 1.8	+ 4.8
Fabricated Metal Products	27.2	27.0	26.3	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.5	8.5	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.5	55.4	53.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.2	63.4	60.6	- 1.9	+ 2.6
Household Appliances	5.2	5.4	5.8	- 3.7	-10.3
Transportation Equipment	21.3	21.0	20.7	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods <u>2/</u>	15.2	15.1	15.6	+ 0.7	- 2.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.7	486.6	505.3	- 0.6	- 4.3
Food & Kindred Products	44.9	44.8	43.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Meat Products	18.4	18.3	17.3	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.8
Dairy Products	2.6	2.7	2.6	- 3.7	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 1.2	0
Beverages	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	24.4	24.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Cigarettes	19.7	19.7	19.6	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	4.1	3.5	+ 4.9	+22.9
Textile Mill Products	207.4	208.7	226.1	- 0.6	- 8.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	55.3	56.0	62.1	- 1.2	-11.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.0	27.9	32.0	+ 0.4	-12.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.3	27.1	28.8	- 3.0	- 8.7
Knitting Mills	75.1	74.8	80.3	+ 0.4	- 6.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.3	23.9	+ 0.4	- 6.3
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.8	22.8	0	- 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.2	13.0	14.8	+ 1.5	-10.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	7.0	7.2	- 1.4	- 4.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.1	14.5	14.9	- 2.8	- 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	50.7	55.2	- 1.2	- 9.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA ^{1/}

March, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1985 (Thous)	February 1985 (Thous)	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1985	March 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.9	89.7	93.7	- 0.9	- 5.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.7	29.6	31.5	+ 0.3	- 5.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.0	39.5	42.0	- 1.3	- 7.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	10.9	11.0	0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 1.4	0
Printing & Publishing	24.6	23.9	23.7	+ 2.9	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.3	8.9	8.9	+ 4.5	+ 4.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.5	38.7	38.3	- 5.7	- 4.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.7	14.0	13.8	- 9.3	- 8.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.1	28.9	28.9	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
Other Nondurable Goods ^{3/}	4.3	5.2	5.1	-17.3	-15.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,795.3	1,779.3	1,705.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.3
MINING	4.7	4.5	4.4	+ 4.4	+ 6.8
CONSTRUCTION	146.3	133.7	128.1	+ 9.4	+14.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.5	125.3	125.1	+ 3.4	+ 3.5
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.3	66.3	65.7	+ 6.0	+ 7.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.4	54.3	- 0.6	- 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	573.9	574.2	541.9	- 0.1	+ 5.9
Wholesale Trade	133.1	133.2	129.4	- 0.1	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.1	79.3	75.7	- 0.3	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.0	53.9	53.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	440.8	441.0	412.5	- 0.05	+ 6.9
General Merchandise Stores	57.3	56.9	55.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Food Stores	67.7	67.7	66.3	0	- 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	107.7	107.6	103.5	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS ^{4/}	414.7	413.2	394.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.9	25.0	23.3	- 0.4	+ 6.9
Personal Services	25.4	25.4	24.8	0	+ 2.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.0	10.8	10.8	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	418.5	420.8	408.3	- 0.5	+ 2.5
Federal	50.7	50.8	50.1	- 2.0	+ 1.2
State	123.6	124.9	119.3	- 0.8	+ 3.6
Education	62.1	63.1	59.7	- 1.6	+ 4.0
Other	61.5	61.8	59.6	- 0.5	+ 3.2
Local	244.2	245.1	238.9	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Education	130.1	130.3	126.6	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Other	114.1	114.8	112.3	- 0.6	+ 1.6

^{1/} Current month data are preliminary.

^{2/} Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

^{3/} Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

^{4/} Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA ^{1/}

MARCH, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984	February 1985	March 1984
MANUFACTURING	645.7	647.9	666.7	- 0.3	- 3.1
DURABLE GOODS	251.8	252.4	251.6	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.2	31.3	32.4	- 0.3	- 3.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	7.8	8.0	0	- 2.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.5	3.9	- 2.9	- 12.8
Furniture & Fixtures	75.3	75.8	76.0	- 0.7	- 0.9
Household Furniture	66.7	67.2	68.2	- 0.7	- 2.2
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.4	35.2	0	- 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.4	15.2	15.2	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.0	1.8	+ 5.0	+ 16.7
Primary Metal Industries	8.3	8.4	8.0	- 1.2	+ 3.8
Fabricated Metal Products	20.1	20.0	19.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.1	27.3	27.9	- 0.7	- 2.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 1.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.6	46.1	44.2	- 1.1	+ 3.2
Household Appliances	4.2	4.3	4.8	- 2.3	- 12.5
Transportation Equipment	17.2	16.9	16.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	393.9	395.5	415.1	- 0.4	- 5.1
Food & Kindred Products	30.2	30.0	29.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Meat Products	16.2	16.1	15.2	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
Meat Packing	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 5.3	+ 11.1
Dairy Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 5.9	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 4.3	+ 4.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	18.6	17.4	- 3.2	+ 3.4
Cigarettes	15.6	15.6	15.5	0	+ 0.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.0	2.6	1.5	- 23.1	+ 33.3
Textile Mill Products	183.5	183.9	201.4	- 0.2	- 8.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	49.0	49.2	55.4	- 0.4	- 11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.0	25.1	28.9	- 0.4	- 13.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.5	23.6	25.9	- 0.4	- 9.3
Knitting Mills	66.1	65.7	71.3	+ 0.6	- 7.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.1	20.1	21.7	0	- 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	19.9	19.8	20.8	+ 0.5	- 4.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.2	10.9	12.8	+ 2.8	- 12.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 4.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	12.0	12.7	- 0.8	- 6.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.7	46.2	50.7	- 1.1	- 9.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.8	78.8	82.4	- 1.3	- 5.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furne.	26.4	26.8	28.2	- 1.5	- 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	33.6	34.2	36.4	- 1.8	- 7.7
Paper & Allied Products	16.9	16.7	16.9	+ 1.2	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	8.0	8.2	0	- 2.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.5	5.6	+ 1.8	0
Printing & Publishing	15.7	15.8	15.1	- 0.6	+ 4.0
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.9	23.9	25.2	0	- 5.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.9	9.6	- 1.1	- 8.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.3	24.2	23.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
Other Nondurable Goods ^{2/}	3.6	3.6	4.4	0	- 18.2

^{1/} Current data are preliminary.

^{2/} Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ^{1/}

MARCH, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984
MANUFACTURING	\$ 280.52	\$ 279.36	\$ 278.99	38.8	38.8	40.2	\$ 7.23	\$ 7.20	\$ 6.94
DURABLE GOODS	294.86	293.72	292.84	39.9	39.8	40.9	7.39	7.38	7.16
Lumber & Wood Products	246.18	239.07	236.93	39.9	39.0	40.5	6.17	6.13	5.85
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	243.58	240.59	238.78	39.8	40.3	41.6	6.12	5.97	5.74
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	277.77	259.88	260.55	39.4	37.5	39.9	7.05	6.93	6.53
Furniture & Fixtures	247.56	243.59	240.63	38.5	38.3	39.0	6.43	6.36	6.17
Household Furniture	246.65	241.04	239.24	38.6	38.2	38.9	6.39	6.31	6.15
Wood Household Furniture	237.62	230.89	234.42	38.7	38.1	39.8	6.14	6.16	5.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	318.17	309.32	311.50	41.7	40.7	41.7	7.63	7.60	7.47
Structural Clay Products	256.68	260.42	261.27	41.4	41.6	43.4	6.20	6.26	6.02
Primary Metal Industries	353.19	359.97	355.84	42.4	42.3	45.1	8.33	8.51	7.89
Fabricated Metal Products	321.85	323.11	325.26	46.0	40.9	41.7	7.85	7.90	7.80
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	340.72	346.09	338.55	41.5	41.9	41.9	8.21	8.26	8.08
Special Industry Machinery	316.52	324.59	308.16	41.0	42.1	41.7	7.72	7.71	7.39
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	332.35	333.72	349.86	39.1	39.4	42.0	8.50	8.47	8.33
Household Appliances	262.09	260.88	261.87	36.3	36.9	40.6	7.22	7.07	6.45
Transportation Equipment	343.93	342.76	334.19	42.2	41.8	42.9	8.15	8.20	7.79
NONDURABLE GOODS	271.27	270.46	271.04	38.1	38.2	39.8	7.12	7.08	6.81
Food & Kindred Products	240.59	242.14	243.59	36.9	37.6	38.3	6.52	6.44	6.36
Meat Products	191.34	191.68	191.89	34.6	35.3	35.8	5.53	5.43	5.36
Meat Packing	295.54	320.54	321.57	39.3	41.9	40.5	7.52	7.65	7.94
Dairy Products	282.74	271.99	265.55	43.7	42.9	42.9	6.47	6.34	6.19
Grain Mill Products	289.26	312.06	290.44	41.8	44.9	42.4	6.92	6.95	6.85
Bakery Products	278.39	287.58	276.97	39.6	41.2	41.4	7.03	6.98	6.69
Beverages	463.36	448.84	479.98	42.2	40.4	44.9	10.98	11.11	10.69
Tobacco Manufacturers	477.47	473.80	446.52	36.7	36.9	36.6	13.01	12.84	12.20
Cigarettes	515.27	523.92	485.45	36.7	37.0	37.4	14.04	14.16	12.98
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	206.64	196.57	163.76	36.0	29.4	29.4	5.75	5.63	5.57
Textile Mill Products	243.46	242.95	252.05	38.1	38.2	40.2	6.39	6.36	6.27
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	270.89	268.48	269.01	38.1	38.3	39.1	7.11	7.01	6.88
Weaving Mills, Cotton	276.57	268.61	256.78	38.2	38.1	37.0	7.24	7.05	6.94
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	265.56	269.43	283.03	38.1	38.6	41.5	6.97	6.98	6.82
Knitting Mills	215.72	215.65	224.46	36.5	36.8	38.7	5.91	5.86	5.80
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	202.06	200.84	206.05	35.7	35.8	37.6	5.66	5.61	5.48
Hosiery, NEC	204.39	211.12	217.55	35.3	36.4	37.9	5.79	5.80	5.74
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	240.67	231.58	250.57	37.9	36.7	39.9	6.35	6.31	6.28
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	272.83	266.67	280.58	41.4	40.9	43.3	6.59	6.52	6.48
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	282.57	275.40	295.68	41.8	40.8	44.8	6.76	6.75	6.60
Yarn & Thread Mills	236.07	236.07	253.95	38.7	38.7	41.7	6.10	6.10	6.09
Apparel & Other Textile Products	184.37	181.86	190.76	35.8	35.8	38.0	5.15	5.08	5.02
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	178.88	178.19	189.30	34.4	34.4	36.9	5.20	5.18	5.13
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	171.91	172.79	180.00	35.3	35.7	37.5	4.87	4.84	4.80
Paper & Allied Products	468.85	467.57	467.57	42.7	42.7	43.2	10.98	10.95	10.37
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	598.97	596.29	557.66	44.5	44.4	44.4	13.46	13.43	12.56
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	330.30	324.53	328.75	41.6	41.5	43.2	7.94	7.82	7.61
Printing & Publishing	316.78	317.96	302.71	39.4	39.4	40.2	8.04	8.07	7.53
Newspapers	282.05	277.35	277.29	33.9	33.7	35.1	8.32	8.23	7.90
Chemicals & Allied Products	400.78	395.73	355.66	42.5	41.7	40.6	9.43	9.49	8.76
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	453.22	451.54	394.63	43.0	42.8	40.6	10.54	10.55	9.72
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.30	363.94	370.64	40.1	40.8	42.7	9.01	8.92	8.68
MINING	376.36	341.48	317.12	47.4	42.9	41.4	7.94	7.96	7.66
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	461.34	457.77	444.29	41.6	40.7	41.1	11.09	11.10	10.81
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	193.48	191.68	192.79	32.3	32.0	32.9	5.99	5.99	5.86
Wholesale Trade	299.77	298.33	292.64	39.6	39.1	39.6	7.57	7.63	7.39
Retail Trade	165.07	162.84	165.76	30.4	30.1	31.1	5.43	5.41	5.33
General Merchandise Stores	147.00	144.87	146.79	28.0	27.7	29.3	5.25	5.23	5.01
Food Stores	192.14	191.81	188.69	32.9	32.9	31.5	5.84	5.83	5.99
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	136.92	140.22	123.06	30.7	31.3	29.3	4.46	4.48	4.20
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	187.26	188.14	175.58	35.6	35.1	34.7	5.26	5.36	5.06

^{1/} Current month data are preliminary.